

North Side Student Association

Statement of Purpose

A message to my brothers and sisters working for democratic schools. By Steve Whitmarsh, organizer of the North Side Students Association

On February 17, I enrolled in MacArthur Senior High School. On the 18th I was indefinitely suspended. This is in the Aldine School District, not known for its liberality. I was organizing a truly representative student group for the purpose of political (read RADICAL) and political action.

Let it suffice to say that by the second day the organization numbered from 20 to 25 members, all types of people, all classifications. The group had no constitution, had solicited no funds, had circulated no petitions, had passed out no literature. It was just beginning, just being formed. Many people, however, had offered to write for the proposed paper, many people were going to draw for it, many people volunteered to type. Typing paper was donated, at least 500 sheets.

The response was terrific. We were just getting our (feces) together, just getting ready to apply for official recognition when the (feces) hit the fan. As you can see, our request for official recognition and our "aims sheet" were both very mild, containing nothing alarming or radical. We planned to work gradually. Starting at the beginning, official recognition. We were prepared to work within the laws.

Then someone who hated me for no really apparent reason went to the principal, and told him I was organizing a "militant student group" fashioned after SDS.

Because of the lies of this girl, and because I was associated with SDS, and trying to get the students together, I

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Your board must classify you in the lowest classification for which you are eligible. 1-A is the highest.

- 1-A--Available for military duty.
- 1-A-O--C. O. available for noncombatant duty.
- 1-O--C. O. available for civilian alternative service.
- 1-S--High school student or college student ordered to report for induction, but deferred to complete his school year.
- 1-Y--Qualified for military or alternative service only in time of war or national emergency.
- 11-A--Deferred for essential civilian work.
- 11-C--Deferred for essential agricultural work.
- 11-S--Deferred for college or graduate study.
- 1-D--Member of military reserve unit or student taking military training.
- 111-A--Dependency deferment.
- 1V-D--Minister or ministerial student
- 1V-F--Not qualified for any service.
- V-A--Over age.
- I-W--C. O. performing civilian work.

DRAFT DAY



NON-COMBATANTS

Persons who feel some necessity of military force, but who have conscientious scruples against taking another man's life may register as non-combatants. If the local board decides that the person

against murder, the person may be placed in medical training, the military band, or office work, thus freeing other men for the battlefield.

C.O.*

A conscientious objector actually has some scruples duty in the armed forces.

He does, however, acknowledge an obligation to perform a period of socially useful service.

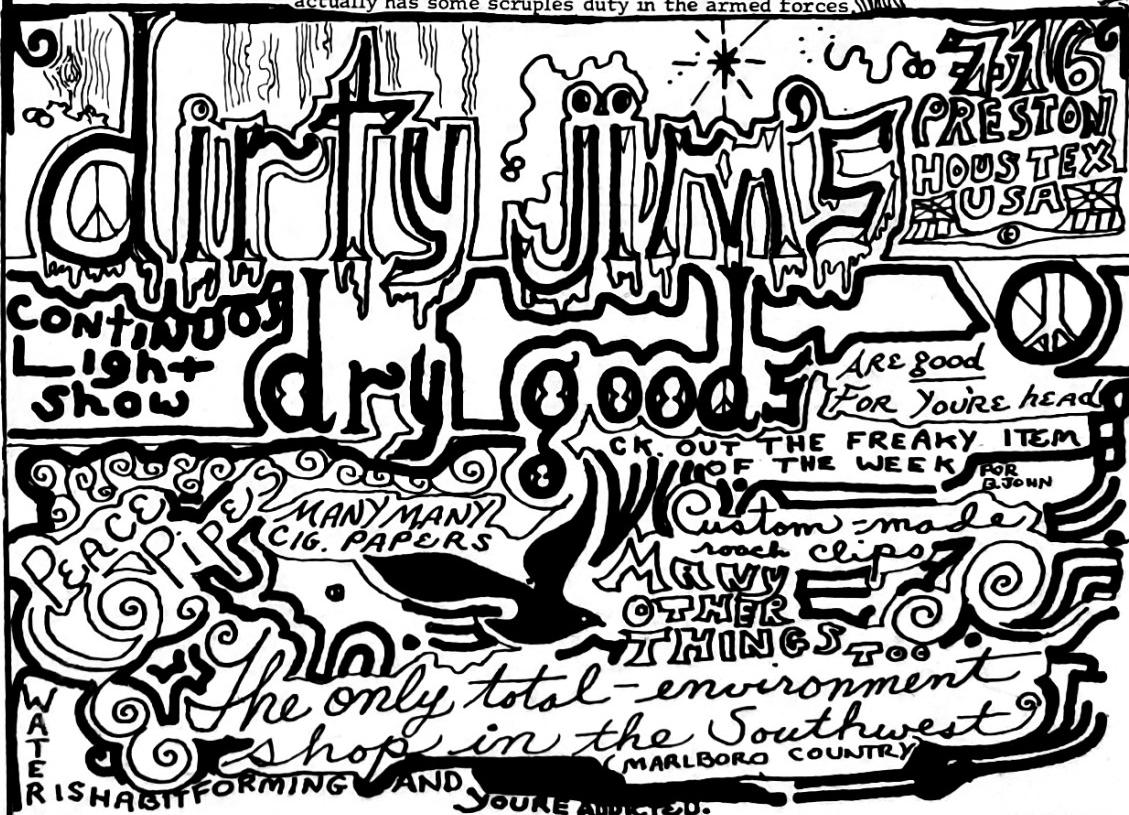
If one holds these qualifications for the CO status, there is one further requirement. He must convince the board. If the board does not agree and refuses to violate his beliefs, there is only one other alternative:

NON-COOPERATION

Many people feel that the government should not have the right to decide who has a conscience and who does not. These people often risk prosecution by sending their draft cards back to the draft board, burning the card or ignoring it. Other persons become noncooperators when they are refused CO status.

For more information about the draft, contact this newspaper or the Draft Counseling Service of Houston at 104 North Sampson Street or the Houston Committee to End the War in Vietnam at P. O. Box 1811 in Houston.

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was suspended, ?/#\$&%#.

But I can appeal this suspension to the superintendent of schools of the Aldine School District. This I plan to do. I will go higher and high-

er (?) until justice is done, and it must be done. I am right. I did nothing wrong, but I am suspended.

But if for some reason justice is not done,

we all will have learned something - you can't work within the exist-

ing structure to change it; it, you have to attack it from the outside.

Vencekemos!

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DR. MASTERSON
RESIGNS AT RICE
IN FACE OF STUDENT
FACULTY UNITY

On Thursday, February 20, an emergency meeting of the Rice Student-Faculty Presidential Selection Committee was called. At that meeting, Mr. Herbert Allen, vice-president of Rice's Board of Trustees, announced that the Board had named Dr. William Masterson President of Rice University, without any objections from the Board, added two undergraduates and one graduate student to its membership.

It is, of course, the le-

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Masterson
Resigns
(cont.)

This Student-Faculty Committee began to meet in late October. They solicited recommendations and suggestions from students and faculty. In all, over sixty such suggestions were received.

Soon after its formation the committee requested a meeting with the Trus-

tees in order to clarify their relationship. The Trustees never met with the students and faculty.

The Board members apologized saying that they were busy men and it was difficult to get together. The committee continued on its own.

In a series of meetings through December and January, the committee discussed several of the suggested men and began a file on each. Dr. Masterson was one of the men.

The committee also began to consult with national foundations and other universities.

During the first week in February, the committee sent a letter to the Board

was by no means a final communication. Dr. Masterson's name was not one of the five.

The next communication between the two committees was on February 20 when Dr. Masterson's selection was announced.

Allen's explanation was that the "rush of events" had prevented consultation with the committee. When asked about the "rush of

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THE DAY TIME BEGAN

by SEN. EULALIE MCGOWEN

Our days were yellow and green
we marked the seasons with respect,
but spring was ours. We were shoots
and sprouts, and greenings,
We heard the first word
that fish were running in the creek.
Secretive we went with men into sheds
for torches and tridents
for nets and traps.
We shared the wildness of that week,
in men and fish. First fruits
after the winter. Dried meat gone,
the pork barrel holding only brine.
Bank clerks came out in skins,
teachers in loin cloths,
while game wardens drove in darkened cars,
watching the vagrant flares
beside the fish mad streams, or crouched
at home to see who came and went,
holding their peace
surprised by violence.

We were spendthrift of time
A day was not too much to spend
to find a willow right for a whistle
to blow the greenest sound the world
has ever heard.

Another day to search the oak and hickory thickets,
geometry and experience run together
to choose the fork, fit
for a sling.

Whole days long we pursued the spotted frogs
and dared the curse of newts and toads.

New adams, unhurried, pure, we checked
the names

given by the old.

Some things we found well titled
blood-root for sight
skunks for smell
crab apples for taste
yarrow for sound
mallow for touch.

Some we found named ill, too little or too much
or in a foreign tongue.

These we challenged with new names.

Space was our pre-occupation,
infinity, not eternity our concern
We were strong bent on counting,
the railroad ties, so many to a mile,
the telephone poles, the cars that passed,
marking our growth against the door frames.

The sky was a kite,
I flew it on a string, winding
it in to see its blue, again
to count the whirling swallows,
and read the patterned scroll of blackbirds turning
to check the markings of the hawk,

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and then letting it out to the end
of the last pinched inch of
string, in the vise of thumb and finger.

One day the string broke,
the kite fled over the shoulder of the world,
but reluctantly, reaching back in great lunges
as lost do, or as a girl running
in a reversed movie, as at each arched step
the earth
set free, leaps forward, catching
her farther back
the treadmill doubly betraying,
Remote and more remote.

Now I lie on a west facing hill in October
the dragging string having circled the world,
the universe,
crosses my hand in the grass. I do not grasp it,
it brushes my closed eyes, I do not open
That world is no longer mine, but for
remembrance
Space ended then, and time began.

Masterson Resigns and cannot accept the pro-controversy related to the events" he said "I am afraid I have no satisfactory new president. Specifically, the students object necessary dissension a-

that the Student-Faculty Committee, which was re-committed by the Board and faculty, students and duly elected, was not con-staff. Entirely upon my sulted about the final appointment. We emphatically, therefore, I submit my request that this appointment be reconsidered this date. My most cor- after appropriate consul-tation with the Student-Faculty Presidential Selection Committee."

FOLLOWING THE STUDENT meeting in the gym, Dr. Masterson and Malcolm Lovett, chairman of the Rice Board of Trustees, held a press conference. Asked if the appointment could be reconsidered, Lovett replied "That would be like calling back yesterday."

FOLLOWING THE PRESS conference, Dr. Masterson talked with groups of students and faculty members. He saw the unified

William H. Masterson. "

Houston Free Press personnel were in the Student Association office as the word came through and after a minute of stunned surprise, the room fell into quiet contemplation. A new respect for Dr.

Masterson was born; a new feeling for the man who had been caught in the middle of the battle. True, many of the faculty were personally opposed to Masterson, but the students had opposed only the procedure of the Board.

Reader From St. Louis, by Ben Crowe

"Asqueado" was not merely avant-garde, but genuinely underground. Nor was it a typical example of the high-school press. Every issue was highly refined; a polished product of patience and skill. A publication keyed especially for low circulation, we printed ten copies a week. The name "Asqueado" lent a strong revolutionary flavor to the paper, as well as promoting a healthy spirit of protest for those who knew the word actually meant "disgust". Though the paper was "spirit duplicated" all on a single page, every square inch was crammed with material of a most seditious nature. Every article printed was chosen for its extremely subversive content while even the headlines were pornographic. But to avoid creating much of a stir, we lettered them in Russian. But Asqueado was not destined to flourish into the full flower of vibrant avant-garde. Despite the spirit it had momentarily aroused, it never received adequate support in the endeavour. So, after three glorious issues, Asqueado silently receded into the oblivion from which it had once briefly emerged.